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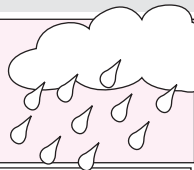
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The Farmer's Market offers students a chance to buy fresh fruit and vegetables

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sport?**

Another women's sport may be added to help conform with Title IX regulations

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Carman Hall fire causes evacuation

Fire officials estimate damage will cost Eastern up to \$10,000

By RACHEAL CARRUTHERS
Staff editor

Carman Hall residents were forced out of their homes for approximately 45 minutes Monday night because of an electrical fire in the north tower.

The fire, which started shortly before 8:55 p.m. in room 404, forced all 900 residents to evacuate from the hall while fire fighters from three fire engines and an emergency rescue vehicle contained the fire.

"It was an electrical fire contained to one room," said Charleston Fire Department Battalion Chief Keith Malcolm. An overloaded outlet seemed to be the cause of the fire, he said.

Jackie Watts, a Carman Hall resident who lives in room 403, and fourth floor resident Melissa Milbern discovered the fire after returning from a freshman spring

registration informational meeting that was taking place in the lobby.

"We came upstairs and smelled smoke, like two seconds after we got up there, then we saw smoke coming out of 404," Watts said.

Watts and Milbern then began knocking on other doors to tell other residents there was a fire and they needed to evacuate.

"They didn't believe me that there was a fire because I'm always joking around about stuff and they thought I was joking again," Watts said.

Milbern said she was worried the single resident of room 404 was in her room so she banged on her door too, but the resident was not inside.

For the residents who were inside, the evacuation was an inconvenience.

"Everyone was doing homework or getting ready to go

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A group of Carman Hall residents stand on the edge of Edgar Drive Monday night waiting for fire fighters to extinguish the electrical fire started in room 404 of the residence hall.

SHERYL SUE SIDWELL/Photo editor

WEIU radio back to full time

Buzzard Hall renovations limit TV to part time

By SCOTT BOEHMER
Campus editor

WEIU-TV and Radio are both back with at least limited amounts of operation after having their local programming interrupted by the Buzzard Hall renovations.

The radio portion of WEIU is expecting to resume full-time programming by October, said Station Manager Joe Heumann.

"We have a lot of students who would like to see us expand our hours and go full time and (also) see us get into the studio with the better equipment, but they just have to be patient," Heumann said.

Heumann said WEIU-FM did not broadcast at all from July to late January 1997 because of safety concerns from the construction. Currently it is broadcasting from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

"(The renovation) should have been done a long time ago, but now we're relieved it's getting done more than (we're) excited," said David Perez, jazz director for WEIU-FM.

John Eisenhour, the station manager for WEIU-TV, said the



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor
Scott Cisek, a senior speech communication major, watches as Annie Morgan, a junior Art major, cues up a CD for the next song Monday night at the WEIU-FM radio station.

station has resumed filming Lynch's Colloquium, Panther Country and EIU Country shows, which could not be filmed between March and August 1997 because of work on its studio.

Eisenhour said the station resumed its local news programming Sept. 2 after it had been cut off in August 1996.

Heumann said full-time programming for the radio station is 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday and noon to midnight Sunday.

Most of the renovation work for WEIU-FM's studios is done,

but the wiring of the student production room and master control room still needs to be completed, Heumann said. The station is temporarily broadcasting from an area that will eventually be used as a recording studio.

Heumann said some of the "alternative" programming typically broadcast by the radio station has been cut slightly, but still is being broadcast. Perez said classical and jazz programming has been less hurt by the renovation.

"The jazz show has been cut
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Kokomo Joe's strives for feel of Las Vegas

By MANDY MILCAREK
Staff writer

A restaurant in Mattoon is trying to liven up their atmosphere with a unique kind of entertainment.

Kokomo Joe's Restaurant, 516 Piatt, has a "casually-elegant dining atmosphere" and features pasta, ribs, seafood, steaks and fine wine, said owner Joe Kimery.

Kimery is currently interviewing entertainers including palm readers, jugglers, magicians and card trick dealers to perform for diners to create a fun-filled atmosphere.

"This idea (of entertainment) is just starting to get off the ground," Kimery said. "We recently have brought in an old-time piano player and the customers really enjoyed that."

Kimery is hoping to have different kinds of entertainment every night of the week.

"We are open for ideas for our entertainment. We want customers to have a good time at our restaurant," he said.

His experiences in the entertainment field stems from his prior restaurant in Las Vegas, Joe's Windy City Pub.

Kimery wanted to wait until students returned back to school before he placed an employment ad for the positions in *The Daily Eastern News*.

Waiting for school to start would allow him to interview and hire a mixture of students and

"In Las Vegas, everyone is a performer. We never had any trouble looking for entertainment."

- Joe Kimery,
owner of Kokomo Joe's
Restaurant

townspeople as employees, he said.

In Las Vegas, if an ad was placed in the paper more than 150 people would show up for the job, he said. But here, people are slowly answering the ad.

"In Las Vegas, everyone is a performer. We never had any trouble looking for entertainment," Kimery said.

More than two weeks ago, Kimery placed the ad and only two people have responded.

This has delayed the start of Kokomo's new atmosphere and theme because Kimery would like to have a complete line-up of entertainers to have a diversified week for restaurant patrons.

Kokomo Joe's has a banquet room that seats 20 to 60 people.

"We are taking reservations for (Eastern's) Family Weekend, and hope to have plenty of entertainment for everyone," he said.

Anyone with a unique talent can apply at Kokomo Joe's between 10 a.m. and noon on weekdays, or for more information, call Kimery at 235-1455.

Clinton says he stayed legal in accepting donations

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton declared Monday that he and Vice President Al Gore “intended to be firmly within the letter of the law” while seeking donations in their 1996 re-election campaign.

“I believed then and I believe now that what we did was legal,” Clinton told reporters in New York, where he was addressing the United Nations.

A federal law prohibits seeking political donations from a federal office. It is not clear whether that law extends to the president and vice president, or whether Clinton actually made any calls from the White House.

Republicans are calling for an independent counsel to investigate the matter. Attorney General Janet Reno has begun a 30-day review of Clinton’s activity, a step already taken for Gore, who has admitted making some calls from the White House.

The New York Times reported Monday that Justice Department investigators have documents showing that Clinton was urged to place as many as 40 calls to wealthy contributors from the White House, and most of the people on a call list made large donations to the Democratic Party.

Clinton would not comment on that

report. He said he would cooperate with investigators “however I can to establish the facts,” but remained “absolutely certain” that he and Gore did not intend to seek contributions illegally.

“I am absolutely positive that we intended to be firmly within the letter of the law when we were out there campaigning and raising funds, as we should have been doing,” Clinton said. “We had to do that.” The 30-day review is the first step toward seeking an independent counsel. GOP congressional leaders argue that Reno should seek one on the mere possibility that Clinton solicited

donations from the White House.

Some Republicans have threatened to initiate impeachment proceedings against Reno if she fails to act.

“It seems to me if you had an independent person looking at the whole thing, that would be the way to go,” Michael Madigan, GOP counsel for the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, told CNN.

Meanwhile on Monday, Harold Ickes, the president’s former deputy chief of staff and a key figure in the fund-raising controversy, was questioned in private by investigators for the committee.

Overnight visitors only a dream

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The right to have overnight visitors of the opposite sex is but a dream to students in the dormitories at the University of Mississippi.

A new policy allowing “sleepovers” on weekends was scheduled to take effect last weekend but was scrapped by university officials amid complaints from parents, state lawmakers and religious leaders.

“They caught somebody sleeping on that one. That’s bad, bad, bad policy,” said state Sen. Hillman Frazier. “We’re still the Bible Belt. Some things are a no-no in our state, especially when it deals with state tax dollars.” No college in Mississippi allows men and women to share dorm rooms overnight. Public colleges

in neighboring Alabama and Louisiana have similar bans, though it is common for universities across the country to allow overnight visitors of the opposite sex, especially on weekends.

Ole Miss dorm residents voted overwhelmingly Sept. 2 to allow 1,200 upperclassmen to have guests of the opposite sex in their rooms from noon Friday to midnight Sunday. The idea came from a student survey last fall.

In vetoing the change, College Board members said that it violates a state policy against coed dorms and that proper channels had not been followed.

Ole Miss allows guests in dorms from noon until 10 p.m. weekdays and noon until 1 a.m. on weekends. Students must check their guests in and out

with desk clerks.

Residence hall directors can give warnings, impose a \$25 fine or revoke visiting privileges to violators. Housing Director Jim Anderson said the number of citations varies by dorm and the school has not kept any campus-wide numbers.

Ole Miss student President Calvin Thigpen of Jackson said that if the change had gone through, students “wouldn’t always have to look at the watch as to when to get downstairs” before the curfew.

“What couldn’t happen in 12 or 13 hours that could in 24 hours?” he said. “It’s embarrassing that the immediate association is sleepovers and sex.” Many lawmakers opposed the plan.

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that much of an impact because we play jazz seven days a week,” Perez said.

The jazz programming was effected when the station lost the use of its turntables that had

been used to play older recordings.

Heumann, Eisenhower and Perez said one of the challenges of having local programming temporarily off the air was a lack

of training for students working at the stations.

“It was tough on everyone and you really feel bad for students who didn’t have that year of experience,” Eisenhower said.

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out (when the fire alarm sounded),” said Chrissy Neri, a freshman business major.

Several other residents also were upset about having to evacuate.

Students sat or stood on the west side of Ninth Street for about 45 minutes before Arson Specialist Paul Cottingham told them it was safe to return to their rooms.

Students were allowed back into their rooms at about 9:45 p.m. with warnings from resident assistants for those students who live on the third, fourth and fifth floors to be careful of broken glass. The glass was broken by fire fighters trying to gain access to the portable fire extinguishers on those

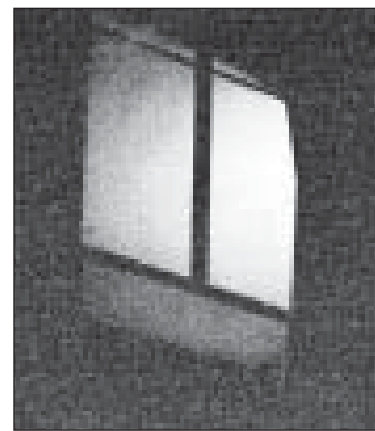
floors.

Initial estimates indicate the damage will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000, Malcolm said.

“Compared to the last fire (the damage) was small,” Malcolm said.

Malcolm was referring to the Aug. 29 fire that was intentionally set in the stairwell of the south tower of Carman Hall.

According to an article in the Sept. 2 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, more than 30 students had to evacuate the building because someone had set several newspapers on fire in the stairwell. No major damages were reported and no injuries resulted from the August fire.



SHERYL SUE SIDWELL/Photo editor
The window of room 404 in Carman Hall is illuminated as fire fighters check the fire damage Monday night.



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

Bookworm

Karen Franklin, a graduate student in historical administration, looks at books at Textbook Rental Services during the used book sale Monday morning.

Slaughterhouse proposal bogged with complaints

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A proposal to build a laboratory and classroom that include a slaughterhouse at North Carolina State University is getting bogged down with neighbors’ concerns and activists’ complaints.

“Dumb ideas come and go around the Triangle, but the winner in recent years has to be the request by NCSU to construct a slaughterhouse adjacent to the vet school ...,” began one weekly newspaper’s editorial.

Across the country, more than 20 land-grant universities with

slaughterhouses report few, if any, protests about the research that goes on inside.

That’s true from the school that slaughters the most animals, Texas A&M — where the slaughterhouse is near the school cafeteria — to the University of Georgia — where the steel outline of the meat science technology center just went up on east campus.

At Oklahoma State University, it’s difficult to tell a slaughterhouse lies behind the Georgian archway of the new agricultural building.

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New senate members want to get involved with Eastern

By MATT ADRIAN
Student government editor

Many of the newly appointed senate members said they became involved with Student Government because they wanted to take a more active role at Eastern.

Eight new senate members were seated at last week's senate meeting.

"I've been at Eastern for three years ... I decided I wanted to play a more active role," said Brian Nolen, a junior political science major and pre-law minor. Nolen said he wants to concentrate on issues that concern students like parking and tuition hikes.

"I'm just looking out for students interests," Joe Kienzler, a sophomore public relations major said.

"I believe it's important for students to take an active role in issues that concern them," Monica Wellenkamp, junior health studies major.

Wellenkamp said she wants to keep lines of communication open between the administration and

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Student Government to insure that students are properly represented.

"By being in senate I wanted to get involved, and have a say on what goes on around the campus," said Mike Hansen, a freshman marketing/finance major.

Hansen said he is concerned with the state of the residence halls. He said in Carmen Hall the computer labs are always packed, and there are no soap dispensers in the bathrooms.

Brandon Cronk, a sophomore speech pathology major, said he thinks that being a senate member is one of the best ways to be involved with the university. He added that being a senate member allows him to represent students not involved with Student Government. Cronk said he wants to help with campus recycling and parking.

Mark Ahern, a senior finance

major, said he wants to get students more involved in going to the football games beyond tailgating. He also said he wanted to help find the best proposal for students concerning the career services seminar.

Noel Koller, a senior finance major and theater arts minor, and Patrick Kennell, a senior political science major, were not able available for comment.

The eight senate members were picked from a field of 18 applicants, said Student Senate Speaker Erin Weed. The 18 applicants were interviewed by a committee made up of the various committee chairs, she said.

"They are very highly experienced and level headed," Weed said. The appointed senate members will serve a half term, and the seats will be up for election during the fall student body elections.

Farmer's market provides food alternative for Charleston area

By SARA ALBRIGHT
Staff writer

Local residents and Eastern students can receive fresh fruits and vegetables right off the farm just by taking a stroll to the Charleston Square.

Every Wednesday local vendors sell a variety of perishables at Farmer's Market from fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods and honey.

Farmer's Market manager, Kim Campbell, said its a small market with five to 14 vendors participating each Wednesday.

Farmer's Market will be open until the last Wednesday in October, but it depends on the weather, Campbell said.

"When the weather is nice, we have a lot of people come out," Campbell said.

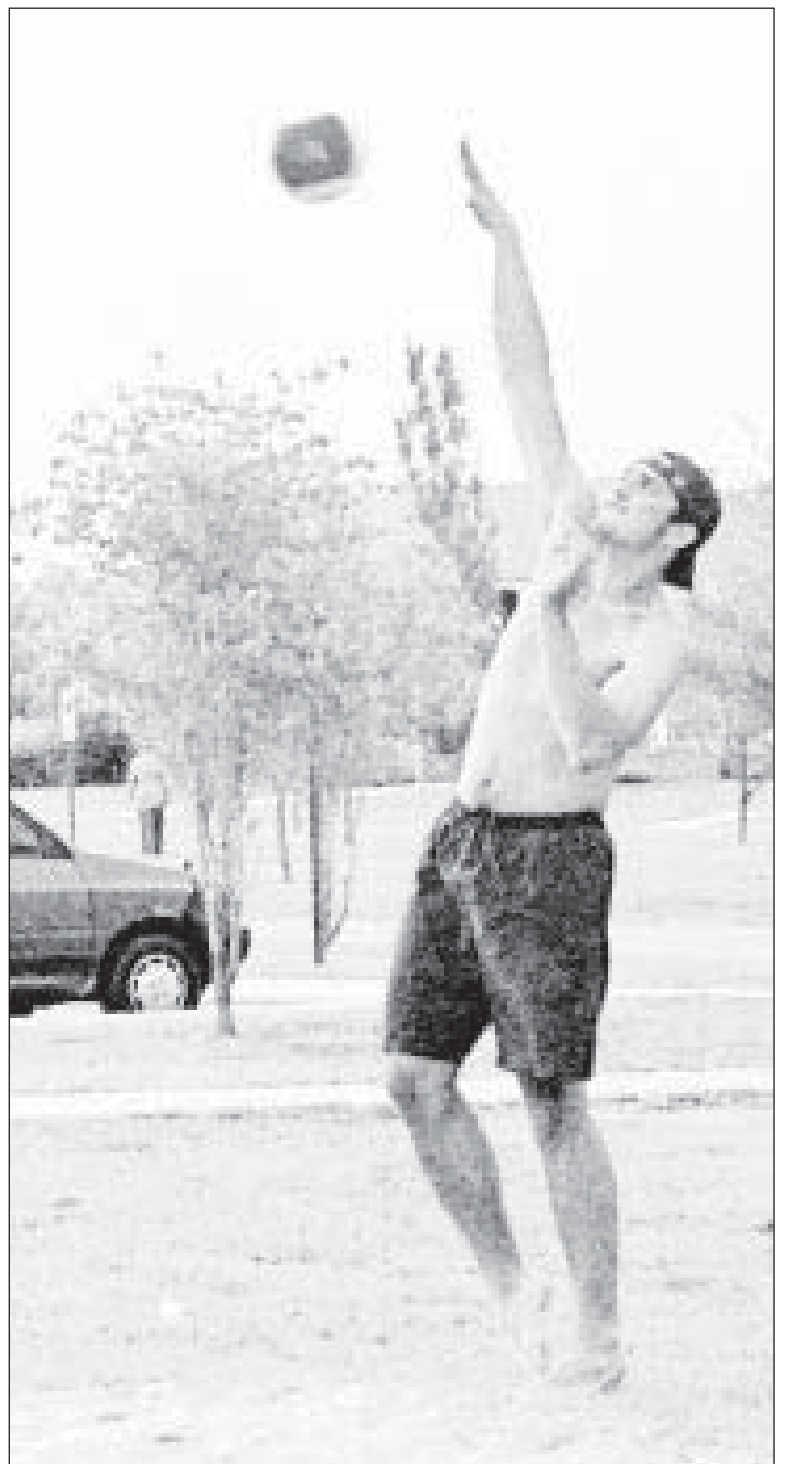
Campbell said he notices more students going to the market after the fall semester starts.

One Eastern student has taken advantage of the fresh produce found at the square.

"I go to the Farmer's Market when I get a chance to get fresh fruit because the grocery stores usually don't have good produce," said Kerriane Milem, a senior secondary education major.

Campbell said students aren't aware of the Farmer's Market because of the hours. The stands are open from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Free coffee is offered to early risers who stop by the market to shop.



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

Sandblaster

Jeff Martin, a sophomore computer management major, serves a volleyball to members of the Delta Chi fraternity Monday afternoon behind the Delta Chi fraternity house. The members are practicing for the Sigma Kappa Sandblast this coming weekend.

State task force to publicize terminally ill patients' rights

SPRINGFIELD (AP) - Terminally ill patients in Illinois have many options for directing their care but often do not understand their legal rights, doctors and health care advocates told a state task force Monday.

Witnesses encouraged the Senate's Task Force on Comfort Care for the Terminally Ill to launch a statewide public awareness campaign on laws dealing with health care as patients approach death.

"Even though the laws exist, I'm not sure the public understands how to use them," said Deanna Seward Mool, chief counsel for the Illinois

Department of Public Health.

The task force, made up of four senators and four health and ethics experts, is exploring possible changes to Illinois laws that affect the terminally ill. Sen. John Maitland, R-Bloomington, said the committee will issue a report to senators sometime next year.

Witnesses agreed that the state's laws are good, but that patients and doctors often don't take advantage of them.

They pointed to three options that allow patients to prepare for care ahead of time - living wills, powers of attorney for health care and health surrogates.

Correction

A cutline in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly stated the number of people who attended a comedy group performance this weekend. More than 200 people attended the event.

The News regrets the error.

BGC holds informational meeting

Fraternity forum exposes students to many options

By SCOTT BOEHMER
Campus editor

The eight members of the Black Greek Council will hold an informational rush for potential members at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The fourth annual rush will give the BGC organizations at Eastern a forum for presenting information to students who might be interested in joining them, said Dannica Carman, BGC rush coordinator.

Carman said this is a good opportunity for students to see greek members up close and see how their organization works.

The fraternities involved in rush

are Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma and Beta Phi Pi. The sororities are Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Gamma Rho.

The rush differs from the Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council rush because BGC groups do not have an extended search process for new members. The BGC has only one informational meeting when all BGC groups attend.

Each of the fraternities and sororities also will have week-long individual rushes, after which they will decide how many new members they want to invite to join, said Ceci Brinker, assistant director of Student Life/Multicultural Affairs.

"Informational gives them a chance to look at all the rush (participants) and what they have to

offer," Brinker said.

The dates for individual fraternities and sororities' rushes vary and are set by their national offices, Brinker said.

"We're expecting maybe 200 people to come (to the informational), but as far as rushing we're not sure (how many will rush)," Carman said.

The informational also will feature displays set up by the different fraternities, chapter representatives, a fashion show and mini-step show, Brinker said.

"They'll show different aspects of greek life and be able to talk to members up close and personal," Brinker said.

A dance is scheduled to follow the rush at 10 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Union. There will be a \$2 charge, or \$1 for students who attended the informational rush.

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One slip of the finger and annoyed police might be at your door

Ever since students returned to Charleston last month, the 911 dispatch center has been flooded with calls. However, only a small portion of these have been true emergencies.

The rest have mostly been students in residence halls trying to dial 9-1 then the area code for long-distance calls and accidentally pressing 9-1-1.

The number of misdialled phone calls totaled 185 during the first weekend students came back

to Eastern for the fall semester, and the misdials have only declined slightly since then.

When many students realize they have called 911, they hang up. The dispatchers have to treat every call like an emergency, so they have to call back each person who hangs up.

If no one picks up the phone or the line is busy, the dispatchers send a squad car out. So if you do accidentally call 911, don't hang up, unless of course you want a couple police officers banging on your door in a matter of minutes. Instead, stay on the line and tell them you made a mistake. No punishment - just a thank you for not hanging up and making them call you back.

Toni Niles, acting director of the agency that administers 911 service to Coles County, said her office is understaffed, and having to re-call as many as 185 people isn't helping matters any. The dispatchers have to waste a lot of valuable time calling people back and even sending out police officers to the campus when they might be needed for actual emergencies.

Another reason for the misdials is because the University Police Department has changed its non-emergency phone number. The old number is now an emergency line to the 911 dispatch center. The new number, 581-3213, is the non-emergency number.

Unfortunately, students are used to the old University Police number and until a new campus phone book is circulated, which won't happen until November, the misdials will continue. And of course, freshmen who don't have a campus phone book are likely to dig up their friends' phone books from last year. A lot of old campus books are still laying around with the old number.

Students need to pay attention to which buttons they are pushing when dialing long distance and avoid wasting the dispatchers' and police officers' time.

today's quote

Mistakes are always paid for in casualties and troops are quick to sense any blunder made by their commanders.

-Dwight D. Eisenhower
U.S. president (1890-1969)

Cougill should take lesson from Carbondale

Eastern's bar-entry age is 21. We all know it, and we all realize it's not going to change while Dan Cougill is presiding as Charleston's mayor.

But contrary to popular belief, on mostly Mayor Cougill's part, a majority of students don't abide by his so-called "image-improving" law.

Every week, Charleston police officers cite a number of students with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and fine popular watering holes with sales of alcohol to a minor.

Recently, Carbondale, the home of a Southern Illinois University campus, lowered its bar-entry age to 19.

This caused a huge light bulb to pop up over Eastern's campus ... maybe, possibly, would Mayor Cougill ever lower Charleston's bar-entry age?

Just to reiterate the comment made by Mayor Cougill in Friday's edition of the *The Daily Eastern News*: not in his lifetime.

It's become a pretty repetitive statement, really. Cougill thinks raising the bar-entry age at Eastern from 19 to 21 in 1994 has made Charleston and Eastern a better place to live.

He said area parents and students' parents have had nothing but good things to say about the change. The funny thing is Cougill never mentioned if the students were happy.

It's been a dead issue for a for a few years now, but with Carbondale's recent actions, Eastern is once again questioning the local bar-entry age.

After raising the age to 21 for just a year, Carbondale city officials rethought their decision and decided they were limiting students' activities with the restriction.

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty said people were concerned that there wasn't enough for students to do on the weekends.

Hmmm ... sounds familiar.

In 1994, Mayor Cougill was also concerned about bar alternatives in Charleston. But unlike Carbondale, where concerns were turned into actions, Charleston has offered students no additional bar alternatives since the entry age



KATIE VANA
Regular columnist

"After raising the bar-entry age to 21 for just a year, Carbondale officials decided they were limiting students' activities."

was hiked.

This is not to say that Eastern hasn't tried to offer students more choices. The University Board offers students a variety of choices for weekend entertainment. And the implementation of the student-produced "Coffee Talk" in the Gregg Triad has proven to be a success. But Charleston hasn't done anything.

But hey ... according to Mayor Cougill, Eastern is no longer

known as a party school but an academic school, so where is the problem?

"I think it's great that we don't have a party-school image," Cougill said.

This is where I think Mayor Cougill has been led astray. Eastern has not lost its reputation as a party school ... students just had to rethink their plan of action.

I wonder if the mayor drives around town on any given weekend night and notices the abundance of house and apartment parties.

Or, does the mayor see the police reports on students being cited in bars every weekend.

Eastern students have found ways around the raised bar-entry age. Sometimes these alternatives prove successful, other times not, but the intent to "party" is always there.

I think the mayor would be hard pressed to find a state university that wasn't considered a "party school."

Mayor Cougill needs to take a look at what the Carbondale officials have done and what effects it has had on the university and the community. They have given students a legal atmosphere to go out in and have a good time. Carbondale officials found that bars were a safer place for students to be.

So, after failing to provide the students bar-alternative entertainment and pushing them to find their own forms of weekend entertainment, maybe the mayor should look at other avenues of change to make Eastern and Charleston a better place to be.

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Athletes like Jordan divert America's mind from things that matter

To the editor:

It is interesting to see that an otherwise democratic medium has become the forum for personal attacks. The emotionally charged "discussion" over whether or not Michael Jordan "deserves" his millions is further evidence that issues such as athletes and sporting events preoccupy most of our lives and divert attention from things that matter.

One thing that matters is Jordan's (and he is not alone in this regard) open dismissal of the fact that the corporation he works for exploits child labor; he just works for them, and what they do outside of signing his exorbitant paycheck is none of his business.

Those who feel this criticism is

your turn

unwarranted can simply look into the history of Nike, where you will find ample evidence. But that effort may prevent you from watching "Sportscenter."

It is also interesting to debate over a man who literally could care less about these letters' authors. Jordan is neither a philanthropist nor a humanitarian; he is, however, a man who has more money than he will ever need, and very few people either do not have a problem with that, or they are too busy venerating him.

But America's love affair with celebrity and wealth in the hands of fewer and fewer people and corporations will persist, as long as we think that Jordan, the talented corporate shill, is the greatest man alive. One may only hope that education has done more than divert our

attentions from the legitimate problems facing a democratic society to whether a rich man deserves what he has.

Matthew J. Cotter
history graduate student

Letter policy

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They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address. Students must indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed.

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'Doing God's work' lands man 12 years in jail

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A man who said he suffered delusions that he was doing God's work got 12 years in prison Monday for running the biggest charity scam in U.S. history.

"This is a very sad day for someone who rose to such influence and promise," U.S. District Judge Edmund V. Ludwig told 60-year-old John Bennett Jr., head of the now-defunct Foundation for New Era Philanthropy.

The charismatic former drug counselor got 500 nonprofit orga-

nizations and some of the country's wealthiest philanthopists — including Christian colleges, Ivy League universities, museums and major charities — to entrust a total of \$354 million of their money to him by promising to double it in six months with matching contributions from other rich people who wanted to remain anonymous.

There were no such anonymous benefactors, however. The foundation was a pyramid scheme that shuffled money from newer participants to the earlier

ones.

Through tears, Bennett said hallucinations and a drive to "change the world for the glory of God" led to his actions at New Era.

"The dream became a need, the need became obsession, the obsession became fantasy and the fantasy a delusion," he said.

Bennett also siphoned \$7 million into private businesses and personal accounts, using some of the cash to buy an expensive home, a luxury car and first-class travel for his family.

"I never intended to defraud or to hurt anyone. The benefactors were real to me at that time," said Bennett, who said he was suicidal after the 1995 collapse of New Era.

The judge gave a lighter sentence than the 24 years sought by prosecutors because of Bennett's years of charity work before establishing New Era and his cooperation after the collapse. With his help — and the return of \$1.5 million — authorities reduced charities' losses from \$100 million to \$20 million.

Toothbrush used as tool in jailbreak

NEW ULM, Minn. (AP) — A 16-year-old boy escaped from a juvenile detention center by holding a sharpened toothbrush to a jailer's throat and attacked a man with a golf club before being recaptured Monday, police say.

The teen-ager, whose name was not released, had been at the detention center on attempted murder charges for allegedly shooting a police officer at a high school Sept. 11. The officer was grazed in the forehead.

Investigators said the student had apparently gone to the school to kill someone or take hostages.

On Sunday night, the boy held a sharpened toothbrush to a jailer's throat and demanded her car keys, but the woman had taken her bicycle to work that day, police Sgt. Erv Weinkauff said. The teen-ager got another worker to let him out, released the jailer and ran off.

Early Monday, police said, the boy hit a man in the face with a golf club in the victim's garage as he was heading to work.

EPA pushes for stricter air-quality rules

MOUNDSVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — Decades ago coal-burning industrial plants filled the air with soot along this stretch of the Ohio River Valley. Now some of the industry is gone, and the air here is clean.

But just south of town, at a bend of the river, a smokestack nearly as tall as the Empire State Building is suspected of causing problems for people hundreds of miles away.

The Environmental Protection Agency, possibly by the end of the week, is expected to demand tougher pollution controls in 25 states east of the Mississippi. The goal is to reduce interstate pollution; the primary target will be the tall stacks of more than 40 coal-burning

power plants from Illinois to West Virginia.

Two plants south of Moundsville and a third 25 miles upriver belong to the Ohio-based American Electric Power Co. Together, last year, they released 91,000 tons of a smog-causing chemical — more than the emissions from power plants in all of New England and New Jersey combined.

The stacks were designed specifically to keep from polluting the Ohio River Valley, and on that front they have succeeded.

Moundsville resident Gloria Stiles, a server at Bob's Lunch, remembers when local industries created so much pollution she couldn't keep her car clean. Now, with most of the

industries gone, the air meets federal standards and she and other local residents don't pay much attention to the power plant.

But others do, saying the wind-borne emissions cause them problems.

"Our air quality is greatly affected by Midwest polluters, something over which we have no control," complains Vermont Gov.

Howard Dean, echoing views of governors from Maine to Delaware.

After years of study and interstate squabbling, Vermont and seven other Northeast states demanded last month that the EPA take action to curb the pollution from 40 of the largest Midwest coal-burning power plants.

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Senator could be 1st black secretary of U.S. Air Force

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — President Clinton will nominate Florida state Sen. Daryl Jones, a fighter pilot, to be secretary of the Air Force, Sen. Bob Graham said Monday.

If confirmed by the Senate, Jones would be the first black Air Force secretary.

Jones, 42, graduated from the Air Force Academy and served seven years in the Air Force, where he was an F-4 Phantom pilot. He is now a lieutenant colonel in the Air

Force Reserve and flies F-16 Falcons.

Graham, D-Fla., said Clinton made his decision about three weeks ago.

White House spokeswoman Julia Payne said Monday she couldn't comment on Clinton's plans.

Jones also wouldn't comment. "I don't want to preempt the president of the United States," he said.

The current secretary, Sheila Widnall, the first woman to hold

the job, announced two weeks ago that she would leave Oct. 31 to return to teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After leaving active duty, Jones got a law degree from the University of Miami and won election to the Florida Legislature in 1990.

He spent two years in the state House of Representatives before winning election to the state Senate.

Poshard considering gasoline tax

SPRINGFIELD, (AP) — While not formally proposing an increase in the state's 19-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard made a case for one Monday and said he was reviewing the idea.

"I'm taking a look at the means of our transportation system with respect to perhaps an increase in the gasoline tax ... because we have to have it as an

investment in our infrastructure so we can accommodate the goods and services that we need to move about the state," he said.

The comments made by the Southern Illinois congressman came during a luncheon address to the Illinois Society of Association Executives in which he pointedly reminded the audience that gasoline prices are relatively low.

"Today in Canada gasoline is about \$3.46 a gallon; in Europe, it's well over \$4 a gallon; in America, it averages \$1.29 a gallon," he said.

"And yet we are a trillion dollars in arrears of just basic service transportation needs in this country." Poshard said he favors "pay as you go" and is against borrowing more money on the backs of children to pay for transportation needs.



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Things aren't what they seem

Melissa McCamish, a senior theater major, works on a costume for "A Raisin in the Sun" Monday night in the costume room in the Fine Arts Building.

Halfway-house escapee suspected of beating babysitter

STANWOOD, Wash. (AP) — A teen-age boy who had escaped from a halfway house was arrested on suspicion of beating a 12-year-old girl to death while she was baby-sitting five children at a neighbor's home.

"She was like a flower, and it's like somebody stomped on her,"

said John Stephen Jones, the girl's father. "She didn't deserve to die." Ashley Jones was attacked late Saturday, apparently during a burglary, said sheriff's spokeswoman Jan Jorgensen. It was not immediately known whether she had been sexually assaulted. The children, ages 2 to

8, were asleep and not harmed.

David Dodge, 17, of nearby Camano Island, was arrested Sunday night on a fugitive warrant for escaping Friday from a halfway house in the Seattle area where he had been serving time for theft.

He was taken into custody at a

friend's apartment in Stanwood, a rural community about 40 miles north of Seattle.

Police said witnesses' descriptions led them to arrest Dodge in the slaying.

Dodge was jailed as an adult for investigation of first-degree murder. Bail was set at \$1 million

Monday.

Ashley was found unconscious when the adults returned home to the middle-class neighborhood early Sunday morning. She was pronounced dead at a hospital. Ashley suffered head injuries and had been "very, very brutally beaten," Jorgensen said.



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Kaskaskia transfers

Andy Bass, a senior physical education major with teacher certification, and Tom Reed, a senior biological sciences major with teacher certification, talk to D. Rennie Minton, a counselor specialist from Kaskaskia College, to see how they are doing as community college transfer students at Eastern.

Relatives of 1994 airplane-crash victims get settlement

CHICAGO (AP) – American Airlines and seven other companies agreed Monday to pay a \$110 million settlement to relatives of some of the 68 people killed in 1994 when an American Eagle flight plunged into an Indiana field.

“We are terribly sorry that this happened,” airline attorney Anton Valukas told relatives, some dabbing at their eyes in the hushed courtroom. “We can never

compensate you for the loss that you have suffered.” The agreement settled 26 lawsuits covering the death of 27 passengers and crew members aboard American Eagle flight 4184, which crashed near the farming community of Roselawn, Ind., on Oct. 31, 1994, as the French-built ATR-72 out of Indianapolis lumbered through cold and drizzle toward Chicago.

Settlements already have been paid

piecemeal in 35 other deaths and were not disclosed until now, attorneys said. They said damages remain unsettled in two lawsuits arising from six crash deaths.

Relatives of those who died in the crash said the settlement – which came moments before opening arguments were to begin in the lawsuit – was fair. But they said nothing could erase the emo-

tional pain that they have suffered.

“This was a sad day – it brought all that back,” said Kim Collins, 36, of Pittsburgh. Her sister, flight attendant Sandi Modaff, died in the crash.

The National Transportation Safety Board determined in July 1996 that the plane had developed ice on its wings and went into an “uncommanded roll,” then dropped swiftly from the sky.

Astronaut set for fourth mission despite Mir troubles

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) – An unwavering NASA began the countdown Monday for putting another American on Mir despite more problems on the ramshackle Russian outpost, including a faltering computer that could prevent a docking in space.

Four shuttle missions have been so contested from within.

The shuttle launch team tried to focus on the job at hand – preparing Atlantis and its last-minute load for a Thursday night liftoff.

“It won’t change until the program has asked us to delay the launch,” said shuttle test director John Guidi.

NASA senior managers awaited one last safety report, from Gemini and Apollo astronaut Thomas Stafford, before clearing Atlantis for flight and astronaut David Wolf for a four-month stay aboard Mir.

NASA inspector general Roberta Gross has questioned Mir’s safety following a raging fire, crippling collision, computer crashes and

noxious leaks over the past seven months.

Even a former Johnson Space Center safety director, Charles Harlan, has said NASA senior managers “should have the guts” to admit enough is enough if the risks continue to mount.

“NASA management has accepted a different standard for human safety for the Phase 1 shuttle-Mir program than it has been willing to accept for either the shuttle or the international space station,” Harlan

wrote in a June 29 letter to NASA’s top safety official, four days after a cargo ship plowed into Mir.

Leaders of the House Science Committee have urged NASA to call off Wolf’s Mir mission. He is supposed to replace Michael Foale, who has been up there since May. Committee leaders have said the shuttle should take up supplies, but no more astronauts to live on Mir.

Monday’s rash of trouble merely bolsters their argument.

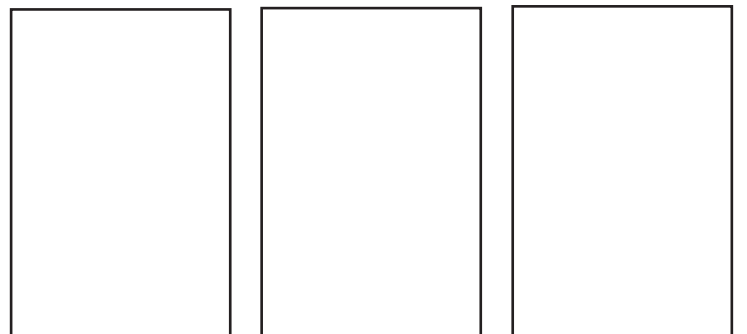
Mir’s patched and repatched

main computer went down yet again; the three-man crew quickly replaced a part. What’s more, a carbon-dioxide removal system malfunctioned and a mysterious brown cloud appeared outside the space station.

That central computer must be working for Atlantis to dock. It is needed to orient the station in the proper rendezvous position; a last-minute failure like the one on Monday would prevent a safe linkup.

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9/23 CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE KIRINCICH on pledging Alpha Phi. Love, Michele.

9/23 IT'S ABOUT TIME...Congrats SARAH CASCIO OF ALPHA PHI on getting lavaliered to JOHN JAKELJA OF LAMDA CHI ALPHA. I'm so happy for you! AOE, Kirsten.

9/23 CHRISSEY KESMAN: Get excited: Cornfest '97! We can't wait to experience the magic! Love you, Julie & Mara.

9/23 MEGAN SAVER OF AST- I hope you had a great 20th Birthday! You're an awesome Big Sis! Tau love & mine, Mandy.

9/23 KIM WISE OF TRI-SIGMA, You make a beautiful Sigma! I'm so proud! Love, Heather.

9/23 STEPHANIE FREER AND MEGAN HAGGERT of ASA, Congrats on being elected Homecoming chairs. We know you guys will do a great job. Alpha love, your sisters.

9/23 SIGMA CHI'S- Have fun and good luck with Derby Days this week! Love, Kathy.

9/23 COLLEEN OF ASA- You're a beautiful pearl. Keep up the good work. Alpha love, Stefano.

9/23 HEY SORORITIES: Watermelon fest in 7 days. Love the men of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Personals

SARA MEYER OF ALPHA PHI- Congrats on pledging the best house on campus. I know you'll have a great time! Love your linker- Michelle.

9/23 TO THE MEN OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA: Thanks for the good time on Friday night! Can't wait to do it again! Love- Alpha Phi Beta Ganna's!

9/24 ASA TUGGERS- Let's place 1st tonight just like we did for Greek Week!

9/23 MEGAN HAGGERTY OF ASA. Thanks for representing our house so well as our Derby Darling. You looked beautiful last night. Alpha Love, your sisters.

9/23 CRYSTAL JONES OF ALPHA GAMMA DELTA. You were so beautiful last night! You are our darling love! Love Your Roomie, Ann.

9/23 TRI-SIGMA NEW MEMBERS: Congratulations on receiving your first PEARL! Love, the Actives.

9/23 KELLY SHAUGHNESSY- Welcome to real sisterhood. You're a wonderful little pearl! Love, Your Big Sis, Kim.

9/23 TATI LANAJALT OF ALPHA PHI: Good luck with pledging. You're the best lil' linker. Your linker, Michele.

9/23 TO THE WOMEN OF DELTA ZETA: We loved waking up to you for the excellent breakfast! Love the Men of Lambda Chi Alpha.

9/23 HEATHER NOVAK OF TRI-SIGMA: You represented our house beautifully last night at the Sigma Chi coronation.

9/23 MICHELLE THIBODEAU OF TRI-SIGMA: You are doing a great job! I am so glad to call you my sister. Sigma love, Your Big Sis, Juila

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UB HOMECOMING COMMITTEE Parade meeting today at 8 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Rm MLK Union. All RSO's should attend. S.A.M. Orientation meeting today at 6 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall 105. All majors welcome.

SCEC Program meeting Thursday Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. in Coleman Hall. Mandatory meeting for all SCEC members. New members are welcome. Please plan to attend.

MORTAR BOARD Meeting today at 6 p.m. in the Union Walkway. Please bring checks for the T-shirts.

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UB AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT COMMITTEE Informational meeting today at 9 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in one of the largest programs to possibly hit Eastern should attend.

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL Meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Martinsville Rm. Circle K is a Co-ed service organization affiliated with Key Club and Kiwanis.

GREEK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE Registration deadline for chapters is extended until Wed Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. Any questions call Ryan at 3697. Your 12 spots will be reserved until tomorrow.

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POWER No meeting today. We will meet next Tuesday.

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Bucs thinking about playoffs

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) – They're young, bold and unbeaten – "America's Darlings" as one recent headline described them.

But more than anything, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are trying to keep the team's best start in 18 years, as well as the attention it's received, in perspective.

The Bucs haven't finished with a winning record or earned a post-season berth since 1982, and coach Tony Dungy and his players are doing everything they can to avoid mention of the "p" word in assessing the club's 4-0 record.

Sunday night's 31-21 victory over the Miami Dolphins was the fifth straight for Tampa Bay, dating back to 1996, equaling a franchise record set in 1979 when the Bucs won their first five games on the way to an appearance in the NFC championship game.

"I think it's still a little too early to be talking about the playoffs. But that is something that I have talked about with our players," said Dungy, whose even temperament has set the tone for the way the players have handled success.

"We talk about winning championships. We talk about winning playoff-type games. We'll talk today about letting Miami score at the end of the game, and how when you're in a tight playoff game or you're in a big game, you're not going to be able to

allow that to happen."

To a man, the Bucs say the challenge the remainder of the season is to keep improving. The goal is to eventually win the Super Bowl, not merely win enough games to make the playoffs.

The fast start has rekindled fan support and attracted national media attention. However Dungy is confident the team will be able to retain its focus.

"I really think we've got the type of team where it's not going to be that big of a deal," said Dungy, who held the team together a year ago in the wake of a 1-8 start. Since then, the Bucs are 9-2.

"I think we've got enough guys left from that 0-5 and 1-8 that understand it's a long journey and that there's not a big difference between the top teams and the bottom teams, that the reason we've gotten here is because we work hard."

Defense has carried the team through much of the stretch of success that began the middle of last season. But without injured defensive starters Warren Sapp and Rufus Porter against the Dolphins, the offense rose to the occasion.

Trent Dilfer raised his quarterback rating to an NFL-leading 112.0 by throwing for 248 yards and a career-high four touch-

downs.

Two years ago, he threw four TD passes all season.

One of the most gratifying moments from him came in the first quarter when he returned to the game after taking a hit in the left knee and leaving the field for one play.

The record crowd of 73,314 at Houlihan's Stadium gave him a huge ovation, the first time Tampa Bay fans have really embraced him in four seasons.

"I would hope it's because of the perseverance, not necessarily because I've played decent a few games," Dilfer said.

"That's what I want people to see and be happy for me and cheer about. ... I think what I appreciate most is they've seen that I've allowed the criticism, hard times and adversity to make me better."

Dilfer's numbers this season – eight touchdowns passes vs. one interception – were exactly the opposite (eight interceptions, one TD pass) during Tampa Bay's first four games – all losses – in 1996.

"I think he's more relaxed now, Dungy said.

"I think he has more confidence in our total team – our defense, special teams, the offensive guys playing around him – that he doesn't have to do the spectacular things by himself. The spectacular things are going to come in the

Pittsburgh pirates its way past Cards, 3-1

PITTSBURGH (AP) – Jason Schmidt limited St. Louis to four hits over seven innings and started Pittsburgh's two-run fifth inning with a double, leading the Pirates past the Cardinals 3-1 Monday night.

Mark McGwire, who leads the majors with 54 homers, was 0-for-4 with two strikeouts and finished the series 1-for-15. He is 0-for-12 since homering in the fifth inning Friday night.

Until the Pirates' series, McGwire had not gone more than two games without homering this month. He must hit seven homers in the Cardinals' final six games to match Roger Maris' record of 61 homers in 1961.

The Pirates outscored the Cardinals 27-4 to win the final three games of the four-game series and take the season series 9-3, a turnaround from a year ago when St. Louis won 10 of 13.

But the Pirates' recent surge – they have won six of eight since Kevin Young angrily challenged his teammates on Sept. 14 to get back in the race – may have come too late.

Houston retained its 3 1/2-game lead in the NL Central and reduced its magic number to three by beating Cincinnati 6-3 earlier in the day.

Schmidt (10-8) became the fourth Pirates' pitcher to win at least 10 games – two more have nine wins – by limiting the Cardinals to one run on four hits, striking out four and walking five.

The walks constantly kept him in trouble, but he benefited from two double plays and an inning-ending strikeout of Gary Gaetti in the sixth with a run in and runners on second and third.

Schmidt, batting only .094, helped himself by looping a leadoff double down the left-field line off Matt Morris – the Cardinals' fourth consecutive rookie starter – with one out in the fifth.

Turner Ward's double scored Schmidt, and Mark Smith followed with a run-scoring single. Ward was 7-for-16 with three homers, seven RBIs and seven runs scored in the series.

Pittsburgh had scored in the second on Shawon Dunston's leadoff double and Jose Guillen's RBI single.

Ray Lankford had a run-scoring double in the Cardinals' sixth, but only after Delino DeShields was ruled safe at third on Phil Plantier's one-out single.

Golden Gopher star, who quit school, will play in Greece

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) – After being suspended and quitting school, Minnesota basketball star Courtney James is headed to a professional basketball job in Greece.

James, who played for the Golden Gophers in the NCAA Final Four in March, decided to leave school after the university suspended him Saturday. He was convicted in August in a domestic assault case.

James said he has a seven-month deal in Greece. But he may have to return to the United States because he is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 7.

His attorney, Jerry Strauss, said he will ask the judge to defer sentencing until later

in the winter or after the first of the year when his team has its first break.

James said he will be paid a base \$300,000 salary, receive a new car and free rent for an apartment. He also will be paid \$1,000 for every game the team wins plus \$20,000 more if the team finishes in the top eight.

The 6-foot-9 sophomore forward was arrested in April, two weeks after the Gophers lost to Kentucky in the national semifinals. He was accused of hitting his girlfriend in the face with an address book.

He was convicted on one misdemeanor count of intending to cause fear and acquit-

ted of intending to cause harm, another misdemeanor.

James also was accused in two separate cases of threatening women, although no charges were filed. One of those women taped a conversation with coach Clem Haskins last summer in which the coach said she should have gone to him first before the police. Excerpts of that conversation were played on a local television station.

James, a starter who averaged 8.4 points and 7.2 rebounds, was not critical of the university's decision to suspend him.

"I wish they would have chosen to suspend me for the nonconference season and

then allowed me to play the conference season," James said. "If they had made that decision, I would definitely have stayed in school and completed my education." James said he deserved to be punished.

"But honestly, I think the punishment was a little severe," he said.

Men's athletic director Mark Dienhart said James was given a chance to come back to school and get his academic and social life in order.

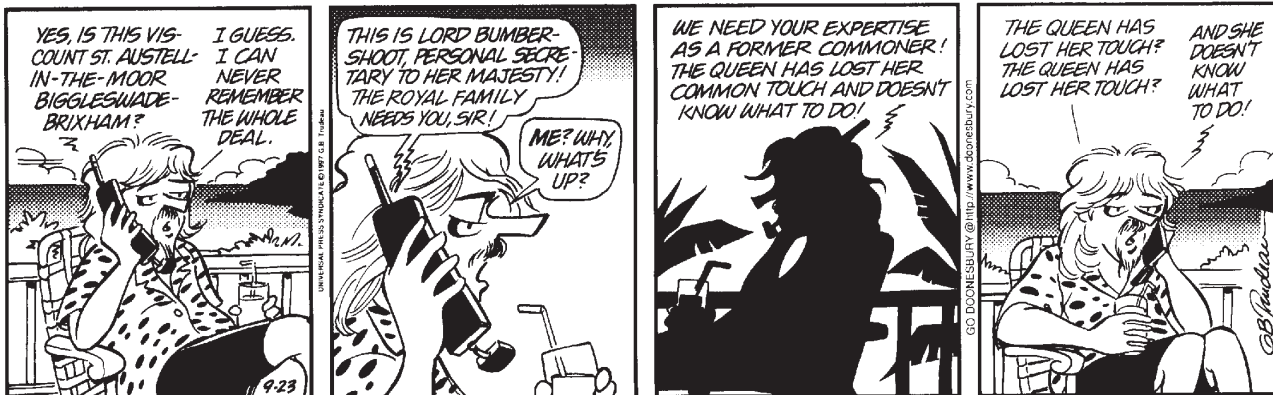
"Given the difficulty he has had both academically and otherwise, I think this shows where his priorities are right now," Dienhart said.

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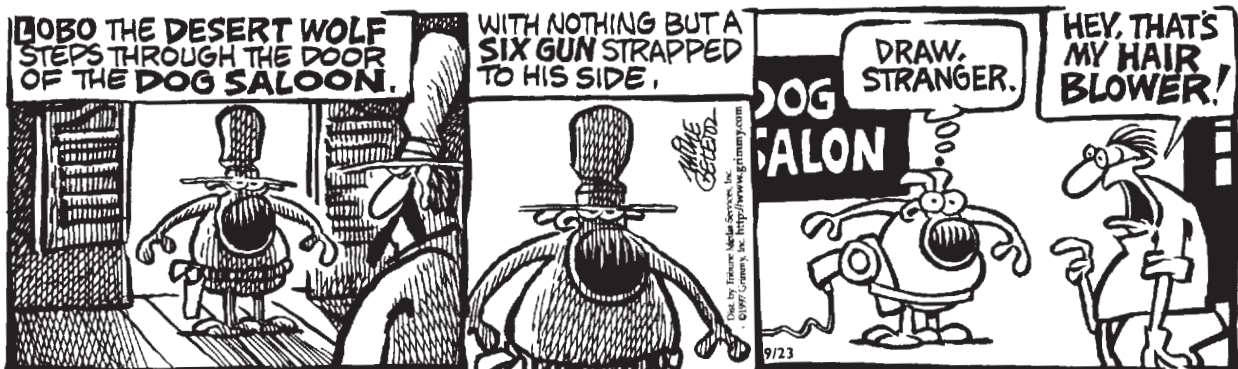
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Panthers to pack bags for next two games

By MATT WILSON
Staff writer

The Panther football team came out of Normal with a 25-14 victory over Illinois State on Saturday, but now they have two conference road games in the next two weekends.

The road trip continues Saturday when Eastern travels to Cookeville, Tenn. to face Tennessee Tech and finishes the following Saturday at Southeast Missouri.

"We got our road trip started off on a positive note, before the ISU game we had lost three straight road games," Panther head coach Bob Spoo said.

"They have two more road games left and I expect the team to play well. Going on the road should not bother the team, it should bring them closer together."

Spoo gave one main reason why these next games are so important.

"Since these next two weeks are conference games, it is crucial that we win them because we've got to win conference games," he said. "If we don't, it doesn't put us out of it, but it certainly doesn't help."

Senior Panther quarterback Mike Simpson said the win over ISU will help the team's confidence level for the next two games.

"Offensively, it shows us where we can be, we had over 500 yards of offense and 100 yards in penalties, so that tells us what would happen without the penalties," he said. "Defensively, we have a world of confidence."

The game against Eastern will be Tech's first conference game of the season and they enter with a 1-1 record after defeating Samford 14-7 over the weekend.

Last year, the Panthers went to Cookeville

and edged Tech 35-27.

Spoo said the coaches are hard at work looking at film and preparing the team for this weekend.

Currently, Southeast Missouri has a 0-1 conference record and a 1-2 overall record. The Indians lost to Murray State 17-3 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. over the weekend.

"I'll worry about SEMO when we get to it, right now I'm worried about Tennessee Tech," Spoo said.

Spoo said he hopes to see the team improve in certain aspects of its game in the next two weeks.

"I hope to see a consistent performance, at least from an interworking point of view," he said. "I also hope we work hard and improve our performance because we had some situations Saturday that at some point will catch up to us and might cost us the game."

"I hope we get better as a team and be at our best."

Spoo said there was one certain aspect of the Panther game on Saturday that he was not pleased with.

"We have to start cutting down on our penalties and we have to play smarter," he said. "We can't commit penalties that take us out of scoring drives like we did Saturday."

For the Panthers to win this weekend, Simpson said the team will need to do the same things offensively and defensively that they did against Illinois State.

He said the team can't be penalized as often as they were against the Redbirds.

Even though the trip the team has to take in the next two weeks is much longer than the trip to Normal, Spoo said it shouldn't affect the team.

"The way we do trips is we take a midway

Sports Network Division I-AA Poll

The top 25 teams in the Sports Network Division I-AA football poll, records through Sept. 22 and previous ranking.

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| 4. | Villanova | 3-0 | 10 |
| 5. | Northern Arizona | 2-1 | 7 |
| 6. | Appalachian State | 1-1 | 9 |
| 7. | Troy State | 2-1 | 2 |
| 8. | Western Illinois | 3-1 | 4 |
| 9. | William and Mary | 3-1 | 3 |
| 10. | Delaware | 2-1 | 11 |
| 11. | McNeese State | 3-0 | 16 |
| 12. | Florida A&M | 3-0 | 15 |
| 13. | Southern University | 4-0 | 13 |
| 14. | E. Tennessee State | 2-1 | 14 |
| 15. | Nicholls State | 2-1 | 25 |
| 16. | Eastern Illinois* | 3-1 | 19 |
| 17. | Stephen F. Austin | 2-1 | 17 |
| 18. | Furman | 1-1 | 18 |
| 19. | Jackson State | 3-1 | 8 |
| 20. | Georgia Southern | 2-1 | 20 |
| 21. | Eastern Washington | 3-0 | 21 |
| 22. | Chattanooga | 2-0 | 22 |
| 23. | Northern Iowa | 1-2 | 12 |
| 24. | Northwestern State | 1-1 | 23 |
| 25. | James Madison | 2-1 | NR |

stop to go get food and be together as a team, then we travel the rest of the distance," he said. "I'm not unhappy with the

Simpkins traded to Warriors

In deal, Bulls get Scott Burrell for reserve forward

CHICAGO (AP) — Reserve forward Dickey Simpkins is on his way to the Golden State Warriors, traded by the Bulls on Monday for forward-guard Scott Burrell.

Burrell 26, was traded to Golden State last season by the Charlotte Hornets. He was the Hornets' first-round draft pick in 1993.

Simpkins, 25, was the Bulls' first-round draft pick in 1994. In the 1996/97 season he played an average of eight minutes a game, usually backing up Dennis Rodman.

Bulls vice president Jerry Krause said that Burrell's "versatility, defensive skills and toughness should be an asset to our team. At the same time, we traded a quality player and person in Dickey Simpkins."

Albert's sodomy trial underway

By the Associated Press

Marv Albert ignored a woman's dignity in his "ego-centered quest for sexual gratification," a prosecutor said today as opening arguments began in the sportscaster's sodomy trial.

"On February 12, a coarse and crude abuse of a human being took place, and it took place at the hands of that man, and it took place and was accomplished by his physical domination of a 41-year-old woman," Commonwealth's Attorney Richard Trodden told jurors.

He called the accuser "a woman who had been his lover, a woman who had been his friend for 10 years, a woman who had cared for him and a woman whose human dignity he chose to ignore ... in his ego-centered quest for sexual gratification." He said the two met in 1986 when the accuser was a telephone operator at the Miami Airport Hilton

hotel "and the relationship took off rapidly. It was a sexual relationship from almost the very beginning." But Trodden said the relationship was not intense and the two would go two or three months at a time without seeing each other because of Albert's job.

Earlier in the day, a jury of seven women and five men was seated to hear the trial, assuring a judge and attorneys they could handle graphic testimony about violent sex. The trial is expected to last about a week.

The defense opening statement was to follow Trodden's. Perhaps opening a window into the defense strategy, Albert's lawyer Roy Black this morning asked about 20 potential jurors if any had ever seen the movie "Fatal Attraction." The film is about an obsessed woman who refused to let go of a failed love affair and stalked her ex-lover.

Opening arguments began after a closed hearing on how much of the accuser's sexual past would be admitted into evidence.

Bears 'mired' in slow start

LAKE FOREST (AP) — One newspaper headline asked Monday if the Chicago Bears' defense, once the trademark of the proud franchise, had become "The Milquetoasts of the Midway." The offense is struggling, as well. Quarterback Rick Mirer is trying to learn on the job, top receiver Curtis Conway is out with a broken collarbone and the offensive line is missing two injured starters.

Sound bad for the Bears, off to their first 0-4 start since 1969? Just wait. It could and probably will get worse. This Sunday they play in Dallas.

The Bears have been outscored 128-58 in their four losses, were penalized nine times Sunday in a 31-3 loss to New England, allowed Mirer to be sacked five times, yielded 402 yards to the Pats and failed on 11 of 13 third-down conversions.

"We haven't score a touchdown in a while. We're trying not to press," Mirer said Monday.

"We've got the people and the game plan. We got to execute.

Two-for-13 on third downs won't produce wins. It's that simple." No one, says coach Dave Wannstedt, is more disappointed than he is.

"It's frustrating, you put so much effort and time into it. You want to see the progress," he said.

"It's really difficult to take a step backward. Offensively now we've done that. We've got to get it going." Wannstedt is taking the heat, for his past personnel decisions and for his conservative game plan Sunday, devised to take some pressure off Mirer. That criticism is something he expects.

"From what everybody tells me, from Jimmy Johnson to Mike Ditka, everybody you talk to about it, it's part of the job," Wannstedt said. "You have to deal with it." The Bears held a players-only meeting after Sunday's loss.

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affairs; Morgan Olsen, vice president for business affairs and Jill Nilsen, special assistant to the president.

The first objective is to enhance the number of scholarships awarded to athletes.

Women's basketball currently has the maximum number of scholarships available, 15. Volleyball can have up to 12 in-state scholarships. "Currently there is no need for out of state scholarships on the team, but the money is available for head coach Betty Ralston if she needs it," Polca said.

"We are working with (the volleyball program) to have out of state scholarships if (Ralston) felt that is what she needed to recruit. She prefers to stay in state," Polca said.

The cost of this project is \$100,000. The proposed funding for this objective will come from an \$8.75 increase in grant-in-aid fee per semester.

"We think that that will go a long way," Hencken said.

There are three areas the funding for the proposed projects will come from. Part of the money would come from the student

fee increase.

"On all of the items, we would like to do them by increasing the budgets gradually over the next several years," he said.

Secondly, funding would come from the National Collegiate Athletic Association. "When you give more scholarships the NCAA gives you more money," Hencken said.

He said the majority of the money for the projects, however, would come from the Panther Club fund raising drive. Last year donations totaled between \$180,000 and \$230,000.

"I don't think it's unrealistic to say that five years from now we could get a half a million dollars (from the Panther Club)," he said.

Hencken said the more graduates that Eastern has means the more money the university gets from the alums in donations.

If these graduates are interested in a certain sport, then more contributions are offered. Also, he said, winning teams bring in more money and the more money that comes in, the more competitive it can make the teams.

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Men's soccer team will travel to South Bend to face Irish

By DREW GRANGER
Staff writer

As the men's soccer team travels to Notre Dame Tuesday for a 7:30 p.m. match, it will take with it a seven-game losing streak.

In the game, the Panthers will face a Fighting Irish team that made the second round of the NCAA tournament last season.

The Irish are 3-2-2 this season while the Panthers are 0-7.

Eastern's losing record appears to come from a lack of goal scoring. The Panthers have out shot the competition so far this season, but have only managed six goals in their seven games.

Senior forward Henry Ospina said the Eastern defense is strong and shoulders a part of the blame for the skid.

"We don't have a problem with our defense," he said. "Our defense might make mistakes, but they're not crucial. At the beginning of the year it was crucial."

"Now it's a matter of attacking. The ball gets up to the forwards and

we're not finishing. That's our problem. Once one of us puts one in, then we'll get going."

Senior forward Dave LaFrance agreed with Ospina. He said the team needs to get out to a lead early to take pressure off the defense.

Scoring an early goal may be more important than normal for Eastern as Notre Dame is 0-2-1 when they allow a goal. When they shutout the opposition, the Irish are 3-0-1.

The task may be a difficult for the Panther backs because Notre Dame has scored more than half its goals in the first half and are outscoring the opposition 15-9.

The Irish have been pushing the attack a little too hard at times as is shown by their 20 offsides penalties.

McClements said the team will be ready to face Notre Dame, despite their slide.

"I think anytime you're playing an opponent that is nationally ranked, or has been nationally ranked, you're going to get up for it," he said.

Leading Notre Dame is senior forward Ryan Turner. He scored five goals and had assisted on four, making him the teams second leading scorer last season.

Notre Dame's goalkeeper, junior Greg Velho has posted a goals-against average of 1.16 this season and he has four shutouts.

The main flaw in the Panthers' game, according to McClements is consistency.

"We're playing a man down and it looks like were dominating the game," he said. "When we're even, we should be all over them, but we're not. At times we were, but then at times we're not. The consistency is not there."

Both Ospina and LaFrance were optimistic about the outcome of tonight's game.

"I think we can play with anybody," Ospina said. "I think this team is excellent, I really do. The other night (Thursday), how we played against Dayton, we played excellent. We can play with the best of them, it's just a matter of finishing."

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in the five games. Meleah Cutler, Kim Blackwell and Gen Ramos played in all the games combining for a total of 62 digs, 20 kills, seven sets, two blocks and a service ace.

Cutler had 41 kill attempts and came down with 10 kills.

"I was very frustrated," Cutler said. "They were really pepped up."

Shrader said she was upset about the inconsistency of the team.

"No one played consistent. We just never could get over that hump," Shrader said. "I think we need to really work hard in practice with our attitude."

Ralston said it's important to eliminate having to go five games in a match.

"(We've got to) play smarter and get leads and hold them," she said.

"We don't finish very well. We're not very consistent right now. I don't know why," said senior setter Kara Harper.

Tech had just come off a road loss to Southeast Missouri State.

"You know you can't go 0-2 on any conference weekend," Ralston said.

Defense won the game for the Lady Eaglettes as they recorded 20 total blocks compared to Eastern's six.

"They blocked great. (Tech) probably set a school record for blocking," Ralston said.

Sophomore middle hitter Diane Seng recorded one solo block and 10 block assists for Tennessee Tech. Junior Mandi Miller led the Eaglettes in digs with 36, while adding 12 kills on the offensive side.

Senior outside hitter Rachel Melchiorre led the offense with 22 kills, helping Tech reach a total of 73 kills.

Ralston said she was expecting the Lady Eaglettes to come out strong.

"They exploited our weaknesses," she said.

Eastern had a disappointing defensive showing. The Lady Panthers gathered up only six team blocks and Lorri Sommer had the only solo block among her teammates.

"We've got to pick up on defense; especially the right side," Ralston said. Offensively, the Panthers recorded 74 kills. Sommer led with 24, while Shrader recorded 14 and both Blackwell and Cutler each had 10.

Harper had 50 set attempts, while sophomore setter Cari Stuchly added 11.

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142.7, while Tennessee State's Leon Murray 145.4 rating leads the conference.

The performances Simpson has put up the last three games and especially against Illinois State comes as no surprise to Spoo.

"In the first game against Western, he didn't perform up to our expectations," Spoo said. "I think the expectations are rather high and they will continue to be."

Simpson said his goals for the rest of the season are simple. "To keep my percentage up and throw a lot more touchdowns," he said. "Those are things that help make the team win."

Spoo said one of the things that make Simpson successful is his size and mentality.

"He's tough minded, which simply means that if something does go wrong, he deals with it in a positive way," Spoo said.

We're movin' on up.....

After having their return to the top 10 halted last week by remaining at No. 19 in the *Sports Network Division I-AA poll*, the Panthers move up three slots to No. 16. For the second week in a row, Eastern is the lone OVC representative in the poll.



Jackson State took the biggest drop in polls, moving from No. 8 to the No. 19 spot previously occupied by the Panthers.

On the other hand, Nicholls State had the biggest jump as they went from No. 25 to No. 15.

Nothing but the best:

The Panther offense leads the OVC in rushing (221 yards per game), total offense (394.5 ypg) and is tied with Tennessee State in scoring offense at 27 points per game.

in scoring offense at 27 points per game.

Individually, sophomore tailback Jabarey McDavid is perched atop the conference with 94.5 yards per game.

The 539 yards Eastern's offense ran up against Illinois State on Saturday is the most by an OVC team this year.

However, leading the conference in offensive categories is not what Spoo is concerned with.

"I don't worry about those kind of things," Spoo said. "I just worry about winning games."

"It's not whether we score a lot of points, it's whether we win the game."

And the losers are:

The Panthers are the only OVC team with a winning

record, while Murray State is even at 2-2 and Tennessee Tech is 1-1. Three teams are still in search of their first win: Eastern Kentucky, Middle Tennessee State (0-2) and Tennessee-Martin (0-3).

Tennessee-Martin's winless record stems from the inability to do two important things - score and defend. In the three games played, they have given up 111 points, while only scoring 20.

However, last weekend the Skyhawks did manage to put on a scoring assault, of sorts, as they put 14 points on the board in their 27-14 loss to Southwest Missouri State.

Oh nooooo....

Coming into the season, Eastern Kentucky was picked to finish second in the OVC behind the Panthers and were also in the *Sports Network Division I-AA top 25*.

Where are they now? In fifth place with an 0-3 record. The team is ranked sixth in total offense with 308 yards per game and fifth in scoring offense with 18.7 points per game.

Their defense isn't exactly tearing up the gridiron either. The Colonel rush defense brings up the rear in the OVC, giving up 271.7 yards per game on the ground.

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Sports



CHAD MERDA
Associate sports editor

An 0-7 start just isn't getting off on the right foot

So far in this young sports season, there is one Panther team that really sticks out. No, it's not the top 25 ranked football team, and no, it's not the volleyball team that's ranked No. 8 in their district.

The team would be the men's soccer squad. The only problem is the reason they stick out is not a good one.

In seven games, they have yet to win - that's 0-7. Zero wins, zilch, nada. This season they've had more yellow and red cards issued against them than goals scored.

Pretty rough indeed, but hey, they haven't played a conference match yet, so a spot in the Missouri Valley Conference playoffs is still a distinct possibility.

If they win all the rest of their games, head coach Tim McClements and his team can still finish with an 11-7 record.

Many teams in the past have started out poorly and managed to bounce back.

For example, take the 1995 men's soccer team. Under former head coach Troy Fabiano, the Panthers started out the season 2-7 and fought their way back to a 5-12 season record. Oh, that's a losing record - bad example.

How about the 1997 Chicago Cubs? They had the worst start in National League history, and look at them now. Wait a minute, they're currently in last place. Another bad example.

In any case, we all can't forget about last year's volleyball squad. The Lady Panthers started out 0-4 and went 3-8 before they turned it around to finish 21-15 and placed second in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

But that's volleyball, not soccer.

So, it looks as though the soccer team is going to need a minor miracle to salvage the season. Here are some suggestions on how to pull it off:

■ Pray - a lot.

It appears as though some divine intervention is necessary if the season is going to be saved.

■ Pull a fast one and bring back former Panther goalie Mark Simpson and call him Ryan Waguespack. Simpson currently plays Major League Soccer for the D.C. United squad.

Although he is injured and not playing for the United, he can still prove to be a bigger force than any of the current Panthers.

■ Contact Michigan and get some tips on how to recruit.

At least then the focus can be on possible recruiting violations instead of the poor record.

■ Steal all the balls before the game.

If the officials and the other team can't find any balls to play with, then they certainly can't beat you.

Either way, men's soccer is going to be in for a long season.

New women's sport may be added

Editors note: This is one story of a three part series examining gender equity proposals at Eastern.

By DENISE RENFRO
Sports editor

In an attempt to conform with gender equity laws, Eastern has begun to consult different groups about proposals to form a new women's sport and look into areas that need additional funding to meet gender equity laws.

Funding for these programs may come from a hike in student fees, according to vice president for student affairs Lou Hencken. He and other members of the President's Council will meet with athletic directors, students, staff, coaches and the Intercollegiate Athletic Board in order to determine what types of projects need to be done.

Gender equity laws, such as Title IX legis-

lation, requires that all facilities for men and women be equal.

"This is not something that is a nice plan that we would like to do, it's something that we have to do. We must meet gender equity. We must satisfy the law," Hencken said.

"Our eventual goal is that all our women's sports will reach the maximum number of scholarships allowed by the NCAA."

Hencken said he is in negotiations with the Office of Civil Rights to help plan out what needs to be done to increase gender equity. The money allotted for each sport is only a portion of what is involved in conforming to Title IX requirements. Locker rooms and dressing rooms, equipment, scholarships and funding are all factored into gender equity.

"This is something we should be wanting to do anyway. (The law) is not an excuse. It's just the right thing to do," Hencken said. "The bottom line is that the law states that men's

sports and women's sports must be treated equally."

This semester women make up 57 percent of the campus. For the 1997-98 school year a projected 42 percent of the athletes are women. The number of female athletes is 48 percent to 52 percent over the last three years, said Deborah Polca, associate athletic director.

At the Administrative Fall Forum Thursday the President's Council released its plan for 1998 which included three different proposals to meet gender equity laws.

The proposals include increasing the number of scholarships for women's sports, adding another women's team and increasing funding for women's athletics to comply with gender equity.

The president's council is made of Hencken; Eastern President David Jorns; Terry Weidner, vice president for academic

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Lady Panthers fall in five games to Tech



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The Lady Panther volleyball team suffered its fourth loss in four matches, the latest to Tennessee Tech. The loss dropped Eastern's record to 7-6.

The Lady Panthers started the match with two wins, 15-9 and 16-14, but lost the last three games by scores of 15-13, 15-12, 15-13.

Senior middle hitter Monica Shrader said the loss was tough to take, as the Panthers dropped the final three games of the match, after capturing the first two.

"It's tough to lose our first conference match at home," Shrader said.

Eastern head coach Betty Ralston said that although her team one the second game, it was costly in that substitutions were frequently used.

"What hurt us was coming back and winning that second game," Ralston said. "(We had) too much inconsistency out on the floor. I had to use up all my subs."

Eight Lady Panthers saw action
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Tiffanie Bosley, a junior midfielder/defenseman, tries to keep the ball away from a Middle Tennessee player on Sept. 13 at home.

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Simpson third Panther to nab OVC honor

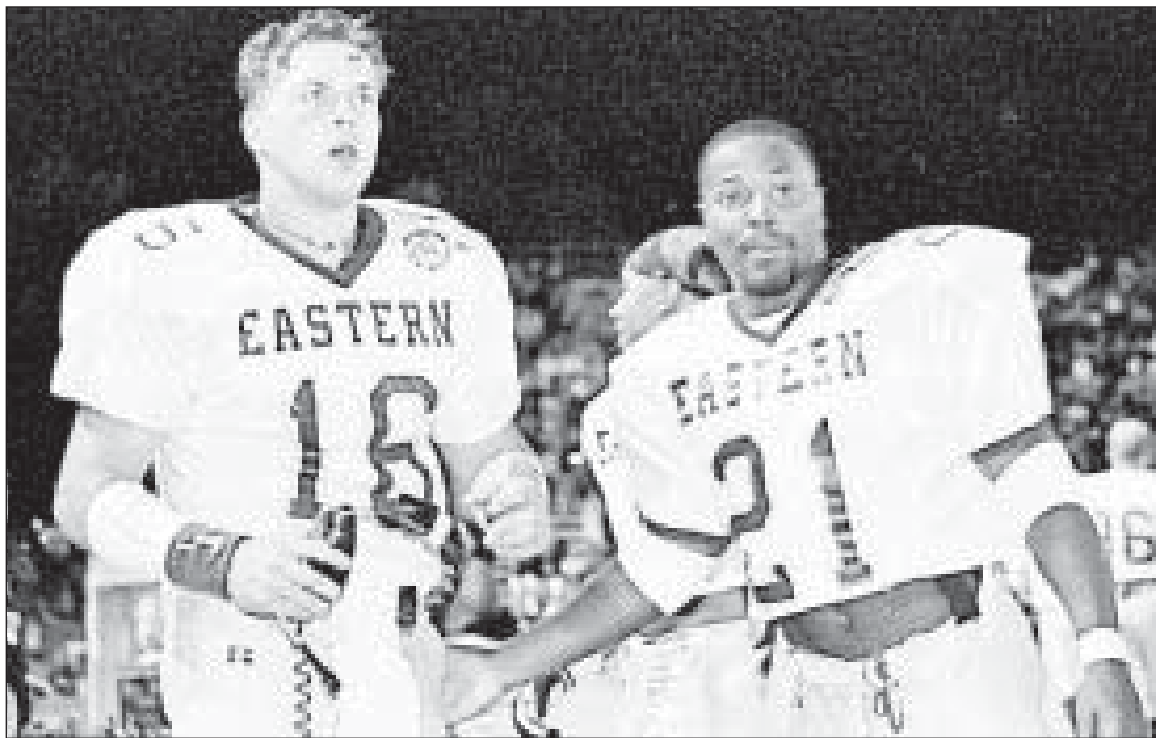
For the third week in a row, the Panther football team finds one of its players atop the Ohio Valley Conference with Player of the Week honors. This time it is senior quarterback Mike Simpson.

"It's a nice reflection on the team because it says that other people are doing nice things too," Simpson said. "Overall, I was happy with the play of the whole team."

Against Illinois State, Simpson connected on 20-of-31 passes for 264 yards and two touchdowns.

"It is a nice reward for a fine performance," Panther head coach Bob Spoo said. "We had a lot of good performances Saturday and he is fortunate to have been chosen. What's more important is that we won the game and I expect to see that kind of effort every week."

In the last three games, Simpson has completed 74 percent of his passes. He is second in pass efficiency in the OVC with a rating of



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Senior quarterback Mike Simpson (left) and sophomore defensive back Antwan Perry watch as the Panthers successfully complete a two-point conversion Saturday against Illinois State University.

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